

February 26, 2017
Bulletin #9

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Cana Sunday (Entrance to Lent)

***Weekend Masses:** **Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m.** [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]

***Weekday Masses:** **Monday and Friday No Mass**
Tuesday to Thursday at Noon. [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]

***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** **First Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m.**
First Sunday of the month after 10:30 a.m. Mass

***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment

***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic

***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least **six** months in advance before any other plans are made

***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688

***Parish Council:** Lou Khourey, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees

***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, George Thomas, Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski

***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

***Sacristan:** Mike Linton

***Altar Boys:** Dalton Haas, Shaun Hancher & Luke Lenz

***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President 304-242-6853

***Women's Society:** Sandra Dusick, President 304-232-7395



***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week

***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners

***Cedar Hall Rental Fees:** Call the Church Office at 304-233-1688 or 304-639-1372

***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday parishioners may park in both lots; Monday-Friday park **ONLY** in the 3 Alley spaces

***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

Epiphany: Cana Sunday

Readings: Rom 14:14-23 and Jn 2:1-11

The miracle which has made Cana forever famous was worked by Christ before His public life had fully commenced. His disciples followed Him from the banks of the Jordan. Our Lord was on His way back to Nazareth when He passed by Cana. From the language of the Gospel we should infer that the marriage which was taking place was that of a close relative of the Blessed Virgin, for it is said without comment that she was there; and it was no doubt in her honor that Christ was invited. Again, the cause of the shortage of wine is not explained by St. John; but it has been inferred that it may have been due to the presence of Our Lord and the five Disciples that accompanied Him, who would have made a substantial increase in a small and modest party. If this was so, it would explain the confidence with which Our Lady appealed to Him when she noticed it. The answer of Christ, which has been variously rendered, has given rise to long discussion, and cannot be said to be even yet properly understood. In most English Catholic Bibles this is rendered "Woman, what is it to me and to thee?" The translation adopted in the Authorized and Revised Versions, "Woman, what have I to do with thee?" even if better idiomatically conveys a wrong impression, for it gives the idea of a rebuke which is totally against the context. Father Rickaby, S.J., in his short commentary on St. John suggests as a fair English equivalent, "Leave me alone, Lady". At any rate, she at once told the waiters to take orders from Our Lord. They filled the jars with water, which Jesus converted into wine. Taking the narrative as it stands, we have one of the best authenticated of Our Lord's miracles; for, unlike the case of the cure of bodily ailments, the waiters were comparatively disinterested parties, and yet they bore witness that the water had become wine and was even the best wine of the feast. Not only the miracle but also the whole incident of Christ's attendance at the marriage feast has always been taken as setting His seal on the sanctity of marriage, and on the propriety of humble rejoicing on such occasions. And if the bride or bridegroom was, as is believed, a relative of Our Lady, we may take it as an example of the sympathy which family ties should bring in the ordinary joys, no less than in the sorrows of life.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, Feb. 25-26: Cana Sunday

Saturday, February 25 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Doug Bentz by Nancy Baker
- ✠ Joe Elias by Steve & Mike Linton

Sunday, February 26 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Eugene Blum (Birthday) by his wife Mary Margaret Blum
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

Weekday Masses

Ash Monday, February 27:

- 12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash
 - ✠ Martha Shia by Michelle & Ron Lucki
 - ✠ Eva Coury Moffat by Sylvia Long
- 5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash
 - ✠ For the persecuted Christians in the Middle East by Pam Lantz

Tuesday, February 28: No Mass Msgr. Bakhos day off

Ash Wednesday, March 1:

- 12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash
 - ✠ Martha Shia by Steve and Mike Linton
 - ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- 5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash
 - ✠ Joe Elias by his niece Anne Weidman Goist

Thursday, March 2, at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions
- ✠ Eva Coury Moffat by Steve & Mike Linton

Friday, March 3:**5:10 p.m.: Rosary & Litany****5:30 p.m.: Divine Liturgy****6:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Cross****7:00 p.m.: Friday Lenten meal**

✠ For the intentions of the benefactors who sponsored the meatless dinner tonight

Next Weekend, March 4-5: Sunday of the Leper**Saturday, March 4 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Martha Shia by Cynthia and David Reasbeck
- ✠ Eva Coury Moffat by Carol & Bill Dougherty

Sunday, March 5 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Tom Jalad (Anniversary) by the Family
- ✠ Irene Breiding (Anniversary) by her grandson Dalton Haas

\$25 Donation for Easter Lillies *(Due Sunday, March 26)*

Easter Lillies in memory of loved ones to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ are sponsored by the following generous parishioners:

- ☘ *A bouquet of yellow roses will decorate the altar of the Blessed Mother in Memory of Helen Fielding by her husband Donald of Florida*
- ☘ *Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louise H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family*
- ☘ *Rosine & Latif Thomas by Nellie Magyar and Family*
- ☘ *Sue, Frances & Joe Linton by Mike Linton*
- ☘ *Deceased members of the Bine and Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine*
- ☘ *Deceased members of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos*

Mahrajan News

- This year we are preparing the 84th Annual Festival. It will take place at Oglebay Park for two days:
Saturday, August 12th from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 13th from noon until 7:00 p.m. (outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m.)
- All Mahrajan Sponsors will be listed in the bulletin and in the Ad Book at three levels: **Silver** (\$25 to \$49); **Gold** (\$50 to \$99); **Diamond** (\$100 and above). Please consider making a donation at one of these levels to support the Mahrajan, to help defray its expenses, and to insure its continuation for future generations.
- It is the dream of the Parish to have two dance troupes to perform at the Festival: one by the children (6-12) and by the young adults (13-20). We will provide Lebanese Folklore costumes and hats for everybody and two trainers to prepare the dancers around this time of the year so that they will be ready for the festival. If you have children or grandchildren please call Msgr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Thanks

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List**Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers**

Mary Blum,

Also Please Pray for Those Who Asked Us to Pray for Them

Rose Vargo, Bernadine Elias, Peggy Justice, Barb Sobota, Abbey Lattavo, Shirley and Jim George, Marge John, Diane Palotay, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, Jim Dellget, Betty Shia, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,074.00	Sunday Collection
27.00	Candles
464.00	Refunds
570.00	St. Maron dinner
120.00	Parking
20.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,305.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

Calendar of Parish Events

Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, February 26th, after Mass in Cedar Hall</i>
St. Maron Dinner Tuesday, March 7, at 9 a.m. →→	<i>Note: No work Monday, Thursday & Friday</i> Bake Cookies; Cook & Shred Chicken; Brown Orzo; Prepare Onions <i>Note: Workers please bring a covered dish</i>
Wednesday, March 8, →→→→→	<i>Make Kibbee; Set Up Hall for Dinner</i>
Sunday, March 12 →→ → → →→	St. Maron Dinner served – 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 12 NOTE:	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Palm Sunday	The Passion of the Lord – Sunday, April 9
Easter Sunday	The Resurrection of the Lord – Sunday, April 16
Lebanese Bake Sale Sunday, April 23 →→→→→ → →→	–Sponsored by Women’s Society Orders & Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale
Sunday, April 30 →→→ → →→→→	Spinach Preparation – starting after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Monday-Thursday, May 1 & 2 →→→	Baking Days – starting at 9 a.m. dough will be ready to shape & fill
Wednesday, May 3 →→→→→→→→	Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale – Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 4 →→→→→→→→	Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale – Thursday, from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
May Crowning & First Communion	<i>Sunday, May 7</i>
Parish Rummage Sale	<i>Saturday & Sunday, June 10 & 11 (see more info in future bulletins)</i>
Cedar Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, June 24</i>
Cedar Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, July 29 (tentatively)</i>
Mahrajan New for 2017 - 2 day event	<i>Saturday, August 12, & Sunday, August 13</i>
New: Parish Ladies Kibbee Sale	<i>During Week of September 10th (see more info in future bulletins)</i>

*Note: The Soup & Hoagie Sale will be postponed to a future date because of insufficient time and volunteers.

Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner (All Fridays during Lent after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Cross. The “Stations of the Cross” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary.

We thank the Cedar Club members who will sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, March 3, and on Good Friday, April 14, after the Friday prayers. Also thanks to the generous families who will sponsor meals on other Fridays of Lent. If you can sponsor the meal on April 7, please call Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688.

Date:	Volunteers Who Sponsor the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
1 st Friday, March 3	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club
2 nd Friday, March 10	Meal Sponsors: Dr. Mary Ann Cater & Dr. Robert Vawter
3 rd Friday, March 17	Meal Sponsors: Shirley Bine
4 th Friday, March 24	Meal Sponsor: Kim Gibbons, Charlotte Khourey, Susan Saseen
5 th Friday, March 31	Meal Sponsors: Chris & Jeannette Wakim
6 th Friday, April 7	Meal Sponsor: Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton & Msgr. Bakhos
Good Friday, April 14	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

May Queen and Attendants

These are the attendants who will share in the May Queen procession this year with the May Queen who is Eva DeMuth: Eden DeMuth, Rosella DeMuth, Addie Dierkes, Riley Robbins, Riyanna Robbins, Austin Robbins, Elyse Ashby, Zao Ashby, Gabriel Thomas, Zaylee Thomas, Lyiah Millard, Rayden Millard, and the Hendricksons boys and girls,

What's New?

Condolences: Martha Shia

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Shia Family on the loss of their beloved Martha who passed away in Wheeling. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Saturday, February 18. The Women Society served the Mercy Meal at the Cedar Hall after the interment. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow. May her Memory be eternal.

Condolences: Eva Coury Moffat

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Coury-Moffat family on the loss of their beloved Eva who passed away in North Carolina. Eva was the sister of our parishioner Lucille Coury Gibbons. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow. May her Memory be eternal.

Bulletin Ad Space Available

If you or anyone you know would like to sponsor an ad (business, memorial of your loved one(s), or personal ad) at the back of our Weekly Bulletins, please call Msgr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Cost is \$120 for all year – 52 weeks.

Choir Members Needed

Our choir needs more voices. Please see Lou, Robert, Shelly or Mickey if you can help. A special talents is not required, just a willingness to sing. Current choir members will help you as needed. By chanting the Mass we help the parishioners to pray twice.

Maronite Youth Gathering in Lebanon (July 15-23)

This is a special event held over 8 days, July 15 - 23, in Lebanon welcoming Maronite young adults from across the world to partake of their faith and heritage in Lebanon. All of this will take place with His Eminence Cardinal Bechara Peter Rahi.

At this time we have a tentative schedule of locations for each day, with the schedule of activities to soon follow. Registration is open and we are accepting applications for only young adults ages 18-35 years of age.

At the request of Bishop Zaidan, we are asking that you promote, encourage, and advertise for this very unique and blessed opportunity.

We are also looking for priests who would like attend as advisors with our young adults. Please stress the ease of attendance for our young adults who will already be in Lebanon on the dates of the event, **July 15 - 23.**

Each young adult will be responsible for their own flight to Lebanon and a \$75 registration fee to help cover costs for the Youth Event.

If interested in attending or would like more information please contact me directly on **810-691-7055** or reply to my email: **abounatony@gmail.com**

We need to know who will be attending by the end of this month, the absolute latest early next month. All documents for registration will need to be emailed to me by February 24th (so that I can send the registration packet by the below deadline, February 28th).

Around Us

Fish Fry (Fridays During Lent, March 3 through April 7; 11:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.)

Where: Our Lady of Seven Dolours Church, Triadelphia Community Center

Menu: Fresh Coleman's fish sandwich, macaroni & cheese, (no meat vegetable soup), cole slaw, baked desserts

Room or to reserve a carry-out order: 304-547-5342

Lenten Meals (Fridays during Lent, starting, March 3rd from noon to 7:00 p.m.)

Where: Our Lady of Victory Maronite church, Pittsburgh

Menu: Fried & Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, French fries

Lenten Retreat (Saturday, April 1)

Where: Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine, North Jackson, Ohio

Retreat theme: "Bolc, Blessed, Broken: Encountering Grace."

Cost: NAM members \$55 non-members \$65 (registration deadline: March 25th) Inf.: 914-964-3070

Story: Canada Goose needed help

Canada Goose needed help. Humanity at it's best.

Officer James Givens has served with the Cincinnati Police Department for over 26 years, but has never quite experienced anything like this before.

He was sitting in his patrol car in a parking lot when he got an unexpected visitor.

A goose came up to his car and started pecking on the side of it.

He threw food out for her, thinking that's what she wanted, but she didn't take it.

She continued to peck and quack, then walked away, stopped, and looked back at Officer Givens.

Then she came back to his car and pecked at it again. She made it very obvious that she wanted Officer Givens to follow her, so he finally got out of his car and did just that.

The goose led him 100 yards away to a grassy area near a creek. Sitting there was one of her babies, tangled up in a balloon string. The baby was kicking its feet, desperate for help.

Being wary of helping the baby on his own, and worried that the goose might attack him, Givens called for help from the SPCA, but no wildlife rescuers were available at the moment.

Luckily, Given's colleague, Officer Cecilia Charron, came to help. She began to untangle the baby, and the mother goose just stood there and watched, quacking. She didn't become aggressive, and just let Officer Charron do what she had to do to set the baby free.

It was like the mother goose knew they were helping. Once Charron untangled the baby, she put it down and it ran right to her mom, and they went right to swimming in the creek.

Charron teared up and said it was the highlight of her 24 years on the force.

"It seems like something made up. It was just incredible," Givens said. "I honestly don't know why I decided to follow her, but I did. It makes me wonder – do they know to turn to humans when they need help?"

We may never know the answer to this question, but what we do know is that Officer Givens was in the right place at the right time to help these geese!

Life is precious. A great story with a good ending.